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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 5, 2004, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the examiner for the courteous and productive telephone interviews held to discuss the status of United States Patent Application Publication 2002/0032037 ("Segawa") as prior art.

As presented in applicants' prior Response dated December 23, 2003, Segawa is not prior art against the subject application. During the telephone discussions with Examiner Hirl we discussed MPEP 706.02(f)(1) including the flowcharts printed at MPEP page 700-37, rev. 1 Feb. 2003.